

KS4 GCSE History

2-year curriculum
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Off to
your
future

Exam component
Paper 3 – Weimar
and Nazi Germany

Topic overview

Modern Depth Study:
Weimar and Nazi Germany,
1918–39

Exam component
Paper 2 –
Elizabethan
England and The
Cold War

Topic overview

British depth study: Early
Elizabethan England, 1558–88.
Period Study: The Cold War
1941-91

Exam component
Paper 1 - Warfare
and British Society

Topic overview

Thematic study and historic environment:
Warfare and British society, c1250–
present and London and the Second
World War, 1939–45

Exams:
3 papers

Summer 1:
Revision and
Exam
Technique

Year 11:

Applying exam
technique
confidently

Autumn 1:
The Weimar
Republic and
rise of the Nazis

Topic overview

Analysis of the post-WWI crisis facing Germany and
the Weimar Republic. A study of the rise of Hitler and
his consolidation of power. Use of primary sources to
understand life in Nazi Germany.

Autumn 2:
Nazi control in
Germany

Spring 1:
Origins of the
Cold War and
crises, 1958-70

Topic overview

Analysis superpower relations of the Cold War between
1941 and 1991. An investigation into political tensions
and flashpoints between the East and West.

Spring 2:
The end of the
Cold War, 1970
- 1991

Topic overview

An investigation into life in
Tudor England and the age
of exploration.

Summer 2:
Elizabethan
England and
the wider world

Summer 1:
Religion in
Elizabethan
England

Topic overview

A study of how Elizabeth dealt
with religion, the Spanish Armada,
domestic plots and Mary Queen of
Scots.

Spring 2:
The London Blitz

Topic overview

A case study using primary
source analysis to investigate
the London Blitz.

Spring 1:
Modern
warfare in
England

Topic overview

A study of how warfare
changed dramatically in the
20th century and of its impact
on the public sphere.

Autumn 2:
Warfare in
England 1700-
1900

Topic overview

Analysis of the development of
early modern warfare and changes
caused by new technology.

Autumn 1:
Medieval
Warfare
1250-1700

Topic overview

An investigation of change
and continuity in warfare in
medieval England.

Year 10:

Deepen knowledge,
understanding and
historical skills